

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q77594

Jean STEINMETZ, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/670,513

Group Art Unit: 1742

Confirmation No.: 8638

Examiner: Lois L. ZHENG

Filed: September 26, 2003

For: METHOD FOR TREATING METAL SURFACES BY CARBOXYLATION

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on August 14, 2007:

**REMARKS**

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was mailed on August 14, 2007.

During the interview, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: None
2. Identification of claims discussed: Claim 1
3. Identification of art discussed: Carson US 4,720,405), Derule (US 5,683,751), and Emmonds (6,676,820)
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: Proposed to add claim amendment to independent claim or dependent claim reciting metal in the metal surface is dissolved.

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5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: It was argued that the claimed process is different from the processes of the cited references.

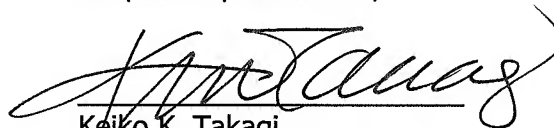
6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: None

7. Results of Interview: The Examiner indicated that Applicants' arguments appear to have merit but she would need to review the references more closely and review a written response.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

**It is believed that no petition or fee is required.** However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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